

Communiqué

Members and observers met online and in person for our 16th NSW Asbestos Coordination Committee (NACC) meeting on 8 October 2024. Our focus for this meeting was on endorsing actions for the NSW Asbestos Delivery Plan as we move towards the publication of this important document.

NSW Asbestos Delivery Plan

Since the last NACC meeting in May, myself and the NACC Secretariat have been meeting with member agencies to refine the wording and timeframes for actions to be included in the delivery plan. I'm pleased to report that the draft list of over 40 actions has now been endorsed by the NACC. There are a few more actions still in development. These will be included in the draft delivery plan that will be presented to the NACC in November.

The actions in the delivery plan cover awareness and training, improvements to asbestos transport and disposal systems, examinations of disaster waste management and communication and actions to improve early diagnosis of asbestos-related diseases and care of people with asbestos-related diseases.

My thanks again to all NACC member agencies for engaging in this process and for their continued work on a whole of government delivery plan to address asbestos management in NSW.

Project Updates

The NACC also discussed the issue of vendor disclosure and made some decisions to further explore what the NACC will do to address this issue.

We heard from Aboriginal Affairs NSW who, after their successful budget bid, will be engaging a specialised consultant to assess the level of asbestos contamination in 61 NSW discrete Aboriginal communities.

Finally, we were given some preliminary results from the EPA's super six project which has identified a large volume of super six sheet roofing in industrial areas.

NACC Membership

We have received Minister approval to increase the number of NACC members to 18 and to retain the observer agencies. This change has come from the work done through the Asbestos Taskforce at the beginning of 2024 where it was identified that there are other government agencies active in asbestos management who are not yet part of the NACC. Letters confirming NACC membership will be sent to agencies soon.

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Carolyn Walsh (**Independent Chair**)
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